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1. SINCE TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL (A) WE LEARNED THAT FONMIN
AGUSTSSON HAS BEEN PERSUADED TO MODERATE HIS "PERSONAL OPINION"
(AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A) ON IMMEDIATE BREAK OF RELATIONS WITH
UK AND IS WILLING TO SUPPORT PRIMEMIN HALLGRIMSSON AT THIS
AFTERNOON'S CABINET SESSION NOT TO TAKE HASTY ACTION. A FACTOR IN
FONMIN'S CHANGE OF MOOD, APPARENTLY, WAS REPORT HE RECEIVED FROM
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THIS MORNING'S NAC MEETING (REFTEL B) OF EVERYONE'S "SINCERE

CONCERN" OVER DEVELOPMENTS, ETC.

2. TACTIC BY PRIMEMIN HALLGRIMSSON AND FONMIN THIS AFTERNOON IS TO ATTEMPT TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVAILED PREVIOUSLY WHICH LED TO ULTIMATUM TO BREAK RELATIONS (I.E., RAMMINGS BY FRIGATES), AND PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES (I.E., PRESENCE OF FRIGATES WITHOUT AS YET INTERFERENCE WITH COAST GUARD ACTIVITY). PRIMEMIN HOPES BY THIS TO STALL AN IMMEDIATE BREAK IN RELATIONS. WHETHER THIS TACTIC WILL WORK OR FOR HOW LONG IS BIG QUESTION. PRIMARY AIM IS TO CREATE A COOLING OFF PERIOD FOR AT LEAST A FEW DAYS.

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